A TRUE STORY OF THE SECRET SERVICE

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IMES were pretty lively about Washington during President Grant's administration. The great, the near great and the shabby genteel politiclans were to be

had an axe to grind. It was a busy day for adventurers and sharpers. Every device that human ingenuity acted in good faith and confidently could invent was in vogue for money making purposes. Men of respectabilfty when at home often turned crooks after sojourning at the nation's capitol for a time. The war had left its demoralizing influence upon many and the opportunities for acquiring wealth were numerous and varied. For a long time before General Grant took his seat in the president's chair. there had been a looseness in the administration of government affairs resulting in organized frauds that would not be tolerated in this day.

The Credit Mobiler conspiracy, the whisky ring and many other monumental steals were being carried on in high-up official and private circles. The big fellows set the pace and the smaller crooks loitering about the city felt quite safe in taking a hand in what was going on. Some of the devices resorted to by the lesser fellows were quite ridiculous. I will disinter one of these schemes for the purpose of exhibiting the folly of some of the Motters of that day.

Shortly after President Grant's indauguration in the spring of 1873 he sent a messenger with a note requesting me to call at once at the White House. On entering his office I found him at his desk. He pointed to a nearby chair and bade me be seated. Reaching into a drawer of his desk he took out two long black cigars, and handing me one of them the bit off the end of the other and put it between his teeth. Straightendng back in his chair, the big black cigar was pointed upward at an angle of about forty-five degrees. As the smoke curled lazily above his head 1 saw that there was something in his manner indicating that his usually placid temper was riled. Picking up a package of letters from his desk he turned towards me and said: "Here, Colonel, is a matter that needs your careful attention. During the last few days I have been receiving these letters. I want you to make an investigation at once. The persons engaged in this work must be punished. It is an outrage. It is probable that there is more than one person in the scheme."

earnestness, and I saw that he was not a little disturbed and that his idea was to let no guilty man escape. The circulars he handed me were printed in letter form and had been sent through the mails to many postmasters throughout the south and west. The circulars read as follows. I give them verbatina.

Executive Mansion, Washington, Oct. 12th, 1872.

Memorandum of conversation between the president and his secretary. Secretary-I wish to refer this telegram of Senator Morton's to the

president. To the President:

A conspiracy has been formed to overrun southern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio and to keep the colored vote from the polls in the southern states. Several thousand nonresidents will vote in Indiana. Men and money are needed. I send a man to you who has been in their council.

O. P. Morton.

President-Yes, I have thought that matter all over, and had a long talk with the man the senator sent. What does Mr. Cook say about money? You know that we have none, and that the committee's means are all necessary for the regular business.

Secretary-Mr. Cook will furnish you any amount you require.

President-Very well, I will take the responsibility. Have Captain - select a dozen men to go west and south with funds and organize. The mere fact of a good organization will deter lawless bodies from attempting to defraud the people at the polls.

Additional conversation, March 24th. 1873.

Secretary-Mr. President, have you determined how you will reimburse one Colonel Pardel, who had reck-October?

has suggested Rev. J. Hale Barney to me was a source of great annoyance act as secretary in the matter. Ap- to the president, General Babcock and point him immediately, and as our Senator Morton. Although the scheme mails are so large and go to clerks to was a foolish one, it was one of the he arranged and briefed before we boldest swindles of a pecuniary and see them, you will have all letters on political character that ever came up tective long to calm her fears and se- suppose that it is out of that new the subject addressed to him. Call in Washington. It involved no less sipon our friends, and allow no one to than three kinds of crime-using contribute over ten dollars, and, to the mails for fraudulent purposes. the remittance to be made by a single false pretenses. The president was disturbed while engaged in his stud- ought to do. ten dollar note. Registered letters, quite indignant. It was not alone a les. drafts, or express would necessarily reflection upon him personally, but tend to publicity. Mr. Secretary, you upon his administration. will make an alphabetical list of hereafter refer.

Confidential Circular No. 10. Executive Mansion, Washington, April 5th, 1873.

"The annexed conversations are submitted to the friends of the president in confidence. Our friends can address Rev. J. Hale Barney, who is temporarily secretary in that behalf. daily met with. Each | Any one having conscientious convictions against contributing need only silently decline. The president has relies upon an active and cheerful asdone and the state of affairs existing in Louisiana had more extensively prevailed, what would have been the result? Read carefully the president's views and act as your judgment dictates, remembering this subject is confidential and known only to three currency in the enclosed envelope. "Very respectfully,

"O. E. Babcock, "Secretary."

With the above circular was also enclosed the following letter for return after being filled out:

Rev. J. Hale Barney, "Ex-Secretary, Etc. "Washington, D. C.

"Sir: Please find enclosed ten dollars in currency which you can apply

at once. Others were surprised and doubtful as to their genuineness and forwarded them to the president with planned and carried out in a reckless manner. The report of the detectives sent to capture the schemer furnishes a chapter of racy reading.

It was discovered that a lady who rented furnished rooms at No. 426 Sixth street had sometime prior to the discovery of the forgeries received a letter from a man signing himself Rev. J. Hale Barney. He said he in regard to the delivery of the letwas a Methodist minister and that he would be absent from the city much of the time attending to the duties of his circuit, but he wanted to hire a good lower front room in her house for office purposes and a place to sleep and the delivery of his correspondence. He explained further that he had been appointed executive secretary of the Christian Brotherhood.

The lady thought it was a rare opportunity to secure an occupant of distinction. She had great confidence in Methodist ministers as she leaned that way herself, and she answered sistance. Suppose nothing had been favorably. In a few days a large trunk was forwarded by express. It had an aperture in its top through which letters could be dropped. There was also forwarded two large cards upon which was printed "Rev. J. Hale Barney, Executive Secretary of the Christian Brotherhood," one to be persons besides the president and hung upon the door, the other in the that whatever is sent should be in window of the room. Money was sent to pay a month's rent in advance.

The madame was delighted to rent her rooms to such a nice man. She had always maintained a highly respectable place and intended to keep it so. The trunk was put into one corner of the room hired, and all mail addressed to the reverend myth was dropped through the hole in the and was a gallant fighter. top of the trunk pending the arrival of his reverence.

The old lady was wholly unsuspi-

easily secured a key to fit it. He had several circulars printed in facsimile of the original to be used as a letter of inquiry. Taken altogether decoys. These were postmarked and it was a most remarkable affair given the appearance of having been sent by postmasters in the south Some of them contained marked money. Excuses were made in others; money would be sent in course of time. Some of these letters were signed, "A Friend of the Cause," "A Sympathizer," "Depend Upon Me," etc. A letter carrier was made use of and the detective was kept posted

When the "nice man" occupying the room back of the parlor was absent the letters contained in the trunk were examined by the detective. A short time after the return of the "nice man" he was seen to slip into the parlor through the rear door. The detective again examined the trunk. The letters were gone. Shortly afterwards the "nice man" occupying the room back of the parlor was arrested while in the act of dropping letters into the postoffice.

These letters were discovered to be circulars addressed to postmasters and others. The "nice man" arrested was searched and the marked money placed in the letters by the detective was found in his pocket. It was now certain that Rev. J. Hale Barney and the individual arrested were one and the same. The silent young man upstairs was suspected and arrested. His room was searched and a large number of printed circulars and envelopes addressed to postmasters were found.

The plot, although silly in its conception, was catchy because of its boldness. The "nice man" caught was a person of considerable prominence. He had served as a colonel of a regiment during the Civil war

The young fellow upstairs was a printer and had done the work on the circulars. Both of the schemers were

WIIERE IT WAS LACKING



She-You puckered up your lips so then that I thought you were going to

kiss me. He-No; I got some grit in my mouth

She-Well, for goodness' sake swallow it! You need it in your system!

A Dry Wash.

Representative Livingston of Georgia, who, disgusted at the bath-tub debate in the house recently, proposed that a little money might be made by renting the bath tubs out, said recently, apropos of this subject:

"We are now a good deal like Bill Spriggins on a zero morning.

"Bill's valet entered his bedroom one January morning and said with a shiver:

"'Will you take your bath hot or cold, sir?"

"'Thank you,' said Bill; 'T'll take it for granted.'

Education vs. Instinct.

Jacob Wendell, Jr., who plays the part of the dog in Maeterlinck's drama, was dining in a restaurant recently when a man, recognizing him as the actor, approached and said:

"Pardon me, but you take the part of the dog in 'The Blue Bird,' do you not? Of course you don't know it, but I can really bark lots more like a dog than you.'

'Well, you see," answered Wendell, "I had to learn."-Success Magazine.

Literary Atmosphere.

"Mark Twain was not a widely read man. How do you supose he ever managed to turn out so much good

"I don't know, unless it was because he smoked so much."

Tightness across the chest means a cold on the lungs. That's the danger signal, Cure that cold with Hamlius Wizard Oil before it runs into Consumption or Pacu-

Not the One.

"One of them actor fellers wants a doctor quick."

"There isn't a doctor handy, but tell him he might call the grocer-he cures 'hams,' "

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The Breed.

Stella-Is her coat Persian lamb?

Bella-No: Podunk mutton.-Judge

Take Garfield Tea to arouse a sluggish liver—all druggishs sell it. A good home is the best exposition

of heaven.

A Fairty Wet World.

The Pacific ocean covers 68,000,000 miles, the Atlantic 30,000,000 and the Indian, Arctic and Antarctic 42,000,000. To stow away the contents of the Pacific it would be necessary to fill a tank one mile long, one mile wide and one mile deep every day for 440 years. Put in figures, the Pacific holds in Put in figures, the Pacific holds in weight 948,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons.

The Atlantic averages a depth of not quite three miles. Its water weighs 325,000,000,000,000,000,000 tons, and a tank to contain it would have each of its sides 43 miles long. The figures of the other oceans are in the same startling proportions. It would take all the sea water in the world 2,000,000 years to flow over Ningara.

A man may go up when you kick him, but you cannot claim credit for kindness.



Munyon's Rheumatism Remedy relieves pains in the legs, arms, back, stiff or swollen joints. Contains no morphine, opium, cocaine or drugs to deaden the pain. It neutralizes the acid and drives out all rheumatic poisons from the system. Write Prof. Munyon, 53d and Jefferson Sis., Phila., Pa., for medical advice, absolutely free.

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THE DETECTIVE EXAMINED THE LOCK

"Yours truly."

With this letter was an envelope addressed as follows: "Rev. J. Hale Barney,

the good of the cause.

"Executive Secretary, Etc., "2126 Sixth St., N. W. "Washington, D. C."

It is scarcely necessary to say that the foregoing circulars had been concoeted for the purpose of obtaining contributions from the appointees of the president. The Rev. J. Hale Barney was discovered in the person of Mr. Cook for the money furnished last lessly assumed the role of a clerical gentleman for the purpose of making President-Yes, I have. The bishop money. The circulars turned over to

Many of the postmasters in the every contributor, to which we can south and west receiving these circu- with the aperture in its top. It was keep on blossoming until the end .lars remitted the amount called for an ordinary affair and the officer Magazine of Mysteries.

man who paid his rent regularly and of eminent respectability. went and came at his pleasure. He, too, was above suspicion. There was also a very nice young man occupying a room upstairs. He was always business. Many letters postmarked at different towns of the west and south addressed to Rev. J. Hale Barney were being delivered daily. These his cheeks as red as a rose, an ardent were put in the trunk.

the fraud rigged himself out in a suit ous and to write so beautifully, of genteel black clothes and presented himself at 426 Sixth street. Here he near by the poet replied: "That apwas kindly received by the nice old ple tree is very old, but I never saw lady. She was polite, but a little prettler blossoms upon it than those suspicious at first. It did not, how which it now bears. The tree grows ever, take the smooth-tongued de- a little new wood each year, and I cure a room. He was not particular wood that those blossoms come. Like about the price. He had heard that the apple tree, I try to grow a little her house was a quiet place. He was new wood each year." prevent publicity and trouble, direct forgery and obtaining money under a law student and did not like to be

> tective slipped into the front room happeneth to all; but we can keep on and examined the lock on the trunk "growing new wood" and in that way

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he should feel old. When Longfellow was well along in

Pointing to a blossoming apple tree

And what Longfellow did we all

the reverend was already occupied tised in our capital city by persons by a quiet and unobstrusive gentle- maintaining the outward appearance How to Keep Young. The fact that one has lived 60 or busy writing and attending to his own even for 80 years, is no reason why

years, his head as white as snow, but admirer asked him one day how it The detective detailed to unearth was that he was able to keep so vigor-

We cannot stop the flight of time; At the first opportunity the de- we cannot head off the one event that

